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1. ON AUGUST 26 MISSION DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING AND AUGUST 29 PRELIMINARY GROUP B MEETING WITH KOEDDERITZSCH OF THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION. HE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE GROUP B MEETING AND THE FIRST WEEK OF THE EXPERTS' MEETING BY A MR. BANK (A DANE), A PATENT EXPERT FROM THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN LUXEMBOURG.

2. KOEDDERITZSCH ATTENDED THE UNCTAD 15TH TDB AND WAS AWARE OF US POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS A, B AND D. HE SAID THAT
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IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE EXPERTS TO DIGEST ANY NEW

DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 1-12 MEETING. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE QUITE INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER SUCH DOCUMENTATION AND THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD PROPERLY BE LIMITED TO TD/B/AC/11/19. TAKING A CAUTIOUS POSITION, HOWEVER, BANK'S SET INSTRUCTIONS ARE LIMITED TO PROTESTING THE AWKWARDNESS OF NEW DOCUMENTATION. WHETHER THE COMMISSION WILL "BLUNTLY REFUSE" ANY DISCUSSION BASED ON NEW DOCUMENTATION, REGARDLESS OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S JUSTIFICATION, WILL BE LEFT TO BANK'S JUDGMENT BASED UPON THE DISCUSSION AT THE GROUP B MEETING AND POSITIONS TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES.MORRIS

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